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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the Final Rejection of Claims 1-36 in the Examiner's Final Office Action of May 27, 2008, to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Enclosed is a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review with attached statement of reasons.

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